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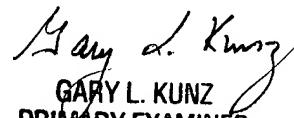
RESPONSE TO AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

1. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO will change. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1646.
2. The after final amendment (Paper No. 11, filed 8/12/99, Amendment B) has been entered.
3. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gucker whose telephone number is (703) 308-6571. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 0930 to 1800. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623. The fax phone number for this Group is currently (703) 308-4242, but Applicant should confirm this by phoning the Examiner before faxing.

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